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Shelton sings!



The Shelton Singers—conducted by Glinda Blackshear—were a big part of the Realizing the Dream concert at the University of Alabama

The Shelton State Singers were featured in the Remember the Dream Concert at the University of Alabama on Jan. 12

By Tamika Taylor

Over 900 people filled the Moody Music Building on the campus of the University of Alabama on Jan. 15 for the 11th annual "Realizing the Dream" concert. The event was sponsored by the University of Alabama, Stillman College and

Shelton State.

The three colleges formed a partnership seven years ago to recognize Dr. King's work in our society. This partnership also sponsors several lectures series on each campus. This year's theme was "Thankfulness For the Past and Empowerment For the Future."

Rick Rogers, assistant to the president, was on hand to give a personal welcome. Rick Rogers said, "We were very excited to be apart of a program that brings opportunity for cultural growth to our area."

The concert opened with a dance routine performed by the members of Dance Alabama! Followed by welcomes from all three of the college presidents. The Shelton Singers, UA Afro American Choir, University Singers and Stillman Choir were all featured musical guest who entertained the audience with two musical selections.

The keynote speaker was Ossie Davis. Davis is a renowned, actor, director, producer and writer; he has also received numerous honors. Davis spoke to the audience about the importance of economics between the races.

He also spoke about the new frontier and the importance of knowing computers and finding new ways to make a living. Davis also encouraged the audience to take responsibility for their own lives.

This performance was very special for the Shelton Singers because this is the first time that they had a featured spot in the program. Glinda Blackshear, director of the Shelton Singers said, "Shelton was

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Jessica Smith charms her way to crown

By Kim Eaton

"I was shocked. I couldn't believe it. I was so excited and honored to be crowned Miss Shelton State," said Jessica Smith.

Chosen among five hopefuls, including Kristen Graham, Gretchen McGinnis, Stephanie Harris and Misty McGough, Smith seemed to charm the audience and judges with her sweet rendition of "Reflections" from Walt Disney's animated cartoon *Mulan*.

Smith, daughter of Jerry Smith, has a double major in telecommunications/film and

theater. While at Shelton, she has appeared in many college and Theatre Tuscaloosa productions.

The pageant went fairly smoothly although Smith claimed "having to run up and down the stairs from the stage to the dressing room in heels" was definitely the worse part of the evening for her.

The night also had its good points for Smith, such as "having my family and friends there cheering me on."

Smith will compete for the title of Miss Alabama in June in Birmingham. The win-

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Jessica Smith (L) was crowned Miss Shelton State 2000 and Gretchen McGinnis was named first runner-up

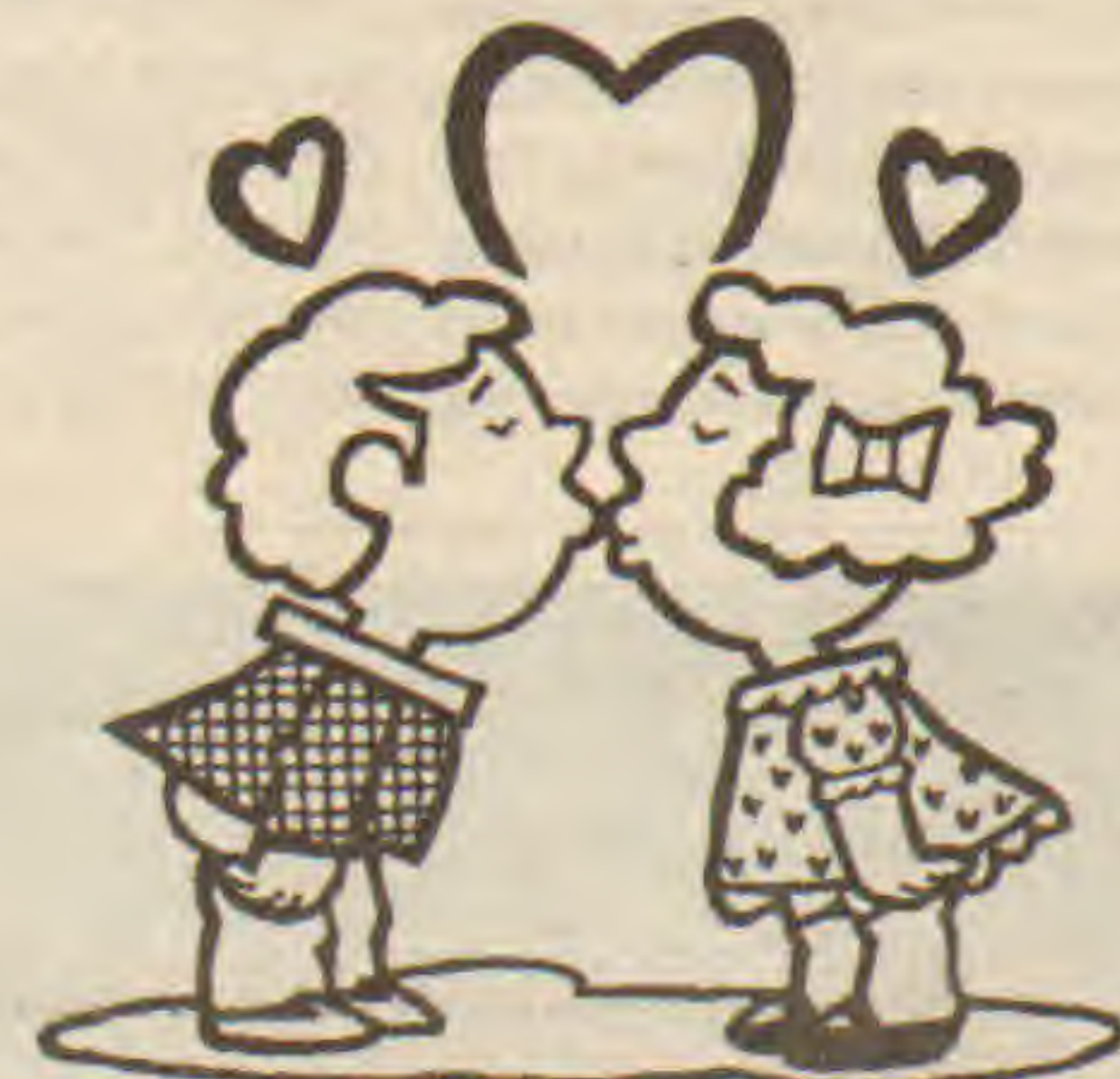


The perfect Valentine's date in Tuscaloosa would cost about \$1240

By Sloan Stewart and Kim Eaton

As Valentine's Day approaches, people begin to have anxiety attacks over what to buy that special someone. So, we decided to give you a helping hand in preparing what will be one of the most romantic evenings possible. Keep in mind this is only a suggestion from two profes-

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very equally represented in this year's program because in the past the whole choir has not performed; only a few members participated."

This year the singers had a feature spot in the program. The 40-voice concert choir sang two spirituals which, Blackshear said, are their favorite type songs to sing.

The first song was "My Lord, What a Mourning," arranged by Sam Batts Owens. The song featured a solo by Cecily Moss, a soprano, and Cerone Sullivan, a baritone. The second song was "I Can Tell the World,"

arranged by Moses Hogan.

Blackshear said, "We were happy to be a part of the concert and we are proud to represent Shelton State and the community and we want to do anything we can enforce unity in Tuscaloosa." Blackshear also stated that the students enjoyed hearing the other choirs perform and they also got an opportunity to talk with the other choir members after everyone performed backstage in the rehearsal room.

The concert ended with the choir and the audience members singing in unison "We Shall Overcome." Three Shelton students sung lead verses along with the other representatives from the other choirs. Shelton was represented by Dedra Harris, Cealy Moss, and Cerone Sullivan.



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"Keep Looking Up!"

By Dr. Lee Albritton



The spectacular total lunar eclipse of January was a great astronomical start for the new year, and the month of February has another treat in store for us -- the planet Mercury! As a matter of fact, February the 14th, Valentine's Day, will be the best evening to observe the planet Mercury that was named for the messenger of the gods! This year, therefore, Mercury will be helping cupid, so to speak, deliver valentines.

Mercury, the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest of the terrestrial planets -- the first four from the Sun -- has the smallest orbit around the Sun, so therefore, the shortest year. The ancients noted that Mercury changed positions in the sky rather rapidly, and this is why they named the planet for the messenger of the gods. I'll bet that you have seen a picture or statue of Mercury and remember the

Mercury will help Cupid on Valentine's Day

wings on his shoes and helmet!

Being the first planet from the Sun, Mercury is difficult to observe because it will be in the sky with the Sun during the day. On the evening of February 14th, Mercury will be at a point in its orbit around the Sun called greatest eastern elongation which is its greatest distance east of the Sun from Earth's view.

Keep looking up and be ready on Valentine's shortly after sunset for a real treat -- the planet Mercury that will appear as a bright point of light just above the horizon where the sun sets! You must not wait too long after sunset, for even on this ideal night to observe Mercury, it will set about an hour after the Sun!



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Future Issues

The *Courier* looks forward to 10 more issues this school year: two each are scheduled for February, March, and April. One each month is scheduled for May, June, July and August. Let us know what you would like to know about Shelton by calling the publisher at 391-2278 or the *Courier* editorial office at 391-2406. You may also visit the *Courier* Online at http://www.shelton.cc.al.us/~courier/courier_main.html

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sors of love.

You can begin your date with the usual bouquet of a dozen roses, when purchased at a grocery store will run you about \$39, and the romantic limo ride. For all night, the ride would run about \$550, including the tip. (For a cheaper twist, try a stroll through downtown Northport visiting Kentuck and the Renaissance Art Gallery.)

The limo then prepares to take you to Lake Tuscaloosa where a small boat is tied to a pier. Your date then helps you into the boat and speeds toward a small island, where a prearranged candlelight dinner is awaiting you. A violinist stands close, serenading you with beautiful melodies. If you're lucky enough to find a poor graduate student, they will probably accept \$50 for an hour's worth of music. You dance under a canopy of stars with the moon lighting your steps.

Of course, if you're not into the outdoors scene, the limo is also ready to take you to Cypress Inn for a romantic dinner for two where you

will watch the sun set over Tuscaloosa's Black Warrior River. For two steak dinners, an appetizer plate and two soft drinks, the cost will be about \$44 including the tip.

Whether you take your chances with the beautiful outdoor setting at the lake or you decide to stay indoors, you will definitely be knocked off of your feet when the limo drops you off at the Bama Theatre and you discover that your date has rented-out the Theatre so you can watch *Casablanca*. Talk about romantic. The cost of renting out the Theatre for a night is \$500, plus a \$50 clean-up fee. Of course, if you so desire, drinks will be provided by the Theatre's neighboring lounge, Catch 22, which will probably run you about another \$36.

After the movie the limo then drives you to Snow Hinton Park. Here, you and your date enjoy a quiet chat while swinging on the swings. And believe it or not, this is actually not costing you a penny.

As you prepare to end your evening, you decide to make one last stop for dessert. The limo drops you off at the front door of Kozy's. You each have a Kozy Kreamer, an ice cream drink, and a Kozy coffee,

topped with whipped cream. This is definitely one of the least expensive stops of the evening, about \$23 with the tip.

The evening was a complete success and you are now prepared to end the night with an, errr, kiss ... Make it count because this is the most memorable moment of the whole evening. To paraphrase American Express, the cost of true love is priceless.

The perfect night, to including the outdoor candlelit dinner, would cost you about \$1248. But if you insist on staying indoors with dinner at Cypress Inn, it would only cost \$1242. Man, the perfect date is quite costly. Although your date is definitely worth every penny.

Have a wonderful Valentine's Day.

And, guys, at least don't forget the flowers.

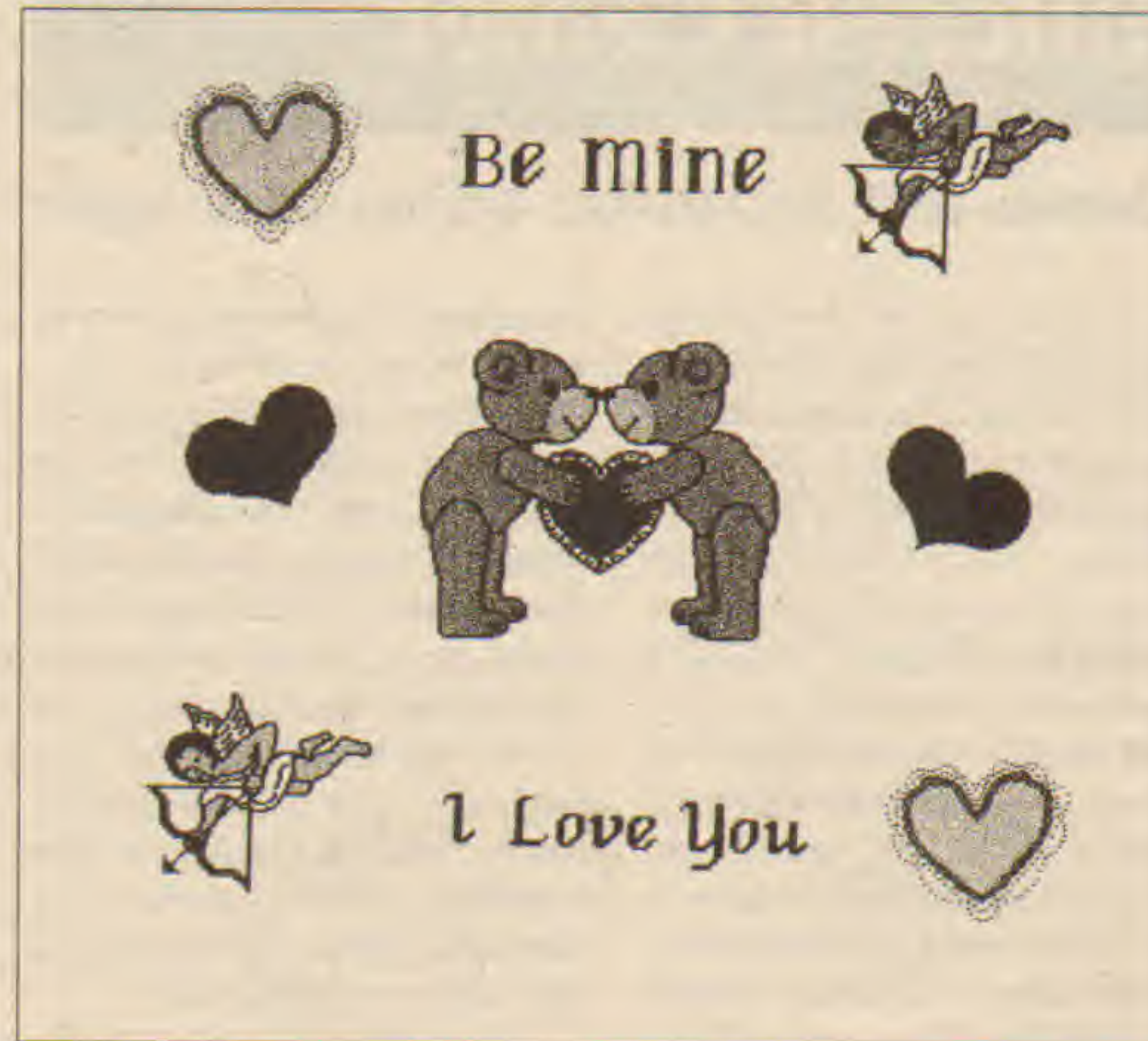
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ner of the Miss Alabama Pageant will represent the state in the Miss America Pageant in August. Judging in the pageant is based on interview, talent, swimsuit and evening wear.

Smith is presently "working towards my platform, which is Community Service—Helping Underprivileged/Needy Children. My biggest goal is to become a mentor in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program. My platform is my biggest concern."

Smith is very excited about the upcoming Miss Alabama pageant. She especially is looking forward to "meeting the other 50 contestants and making new friends from all over Alabama."

Although the Miss Shelton State Pageant required a great deal of work, Smith commented that it "has been one of the best experiences of my life. It is so much fun and gives you the opportunity to participate in the Miss Alabama Pageant. I would definitely recommend it to any girl interested."



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The Entertainment Page

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Theatre Tuscaloosa to dream that impossible dream once again

By Jessica Smith

"In this increasingly cynical world, people are taught to be pragmatists and go for the sure thing, particularly among youngsters. This story flies in the face of that influencing motive. Instead, we should follow our dreams rather than compromise them," said Paul Looney, director of *Man Of La Mancha*.

Theatre Tuscaloosa enters the new millennium with a play about adventure and imagination. *Man of La Mancha* is a play within a play. The leading character, Cervantes, portrayed by Benjamin Middaugh, professor of music at the University of Montevallo, and his sidekick Sancho, played by David Blackwell, are wrongfully imprisoned and await trial by other prisoners who want to find them guilty and steal all their possessions. Cervantes presents a play as his defense and allows the prisoners to become actors in his play. Cervantes

becomes Don Quixote as he tells the prisoners to "Come, enter into my imagination." As Don Quixote travels through a world of enchantment, he finds love in a common kitchen wench named Aldonza. The promiscuous tavern floozy will be played by Beth Stomps, a former Miss Alabama. "I normally play the sweet, innocent girl, but plan to break out of the stereotypical parts that I usually play because I enjoy exploring different types of roles," said Stomps.

There are a couple of scenes in the show that prove to be quite tedious to stage. There is a combat scene filled with stomach punches, face slaps, lashing whips and a few knocks to the head. "Technically I concern myself with the abduction scene. It's very physical, and needs to be presented in a raw, yet stylized way," stated Looney. The abduction scene and the combat scene have to be carefully choreographed to pull off the right effect. Susan Looney, a choreographer for many Theatre Tuscaloosa shows, works with cast mem-

bers on timing and placement so that the scenes don't turn into complete chaos.

This powerful show consists of a number of musical hits, such as "Dulcinea" and "The Impossible Dream." The fantasy world that Don Quixote creates is filled with soldiers, knights, gypsies and even a belly dancer. Don Quixote's quest for courage and chivalry will open the doors of your imagination. "The cast has to buy into the idea of the show. They have to throw themselves into it body and soul, so that the production pricks the imagination of those who see it," said Looney.

Performances are scheduled for Feb. 25 - Feb. 27 and Feb. 30 - March 3 at the Bean-Brown Theatre. Evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m. with Wednesday and Sunday matinees beginning at 2 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, \$8 for students and \$4 for Shelton students. Discounts are available for groups of 15 and larger.

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Roberts reviews... *Being John Malkovich*

By Brian Roberts

An out-of-work puppeteer finds a job speed filing for an eccentric old man, finds a hole in his wall that turns out to be a portal into the mind of film actor John Malkovich. Finally, an original movie from Hollywood. *Being John Malkovich* has made its way to Tuscaloosa.

The debut of music video director Spike Jonze, *Being John Malkovich*, has been well received by both critics and moviegoers alike. Surprisingly enough, while the film sounds incredibly weird, in the context of the film itself, it seems as plausible as a talking mouse, or a kid who sees dead people.

This entire film takes place in New York City, although not the New York City we know. Things have not completely changed, but at the same time, everything seems to be just a little different than the way we perceive them to be.

The credit for the film's success goes directly to two people—Jonze and first-time screenwriter Charlie Kaufman.

This film received a nomination from the Golden Globes for best comedy or musical and earned Jonze a nomination for best director from

the Directors Guild of America.

Also receiving nominations from the Golden Globes were the supporting actress pair of Cameron Diaz and Catherine Keener. Diaz plays Lotte, the wife of the main character Craig, played by John Cusack. A former model, Diaz is almost unrecognizable with unstyled hair and almost no makeup. Also gone are most of her mannerisms, allowing herself to be transformed into a completely undesirable female. Keener plays Maxine, the fantasy girl and business partner of Craig, who also fall in love with Lotte. Keener is sly and sexy, bringing an irresistible quality to her character that is absolutely essential to believing the story.

The performance that makes this entire film work is that of John Malkovich. I know that most of you are thinking, "he just plays himself." That only brushes the surface. Malkovich is a distinctively different character every time a new person enters his mind. And when he enters the portal into his own mind, we got one of the classic scenes from any film.

Rated R for language and brief nudity, the 112-minute film is showing at the Fox 12 Cinema.

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Doug Perry receives statewide award

Doug Perry, managing director of Theatre Tuscaloosa, recently received a \$5,000 Fellowship in Arts Administration from the Alabama State Council on the Arts. Perry, who works closely with Shelton State Community College, will use the grant to fund professional development activities.

The Alabama State Council of the Arts awards Fellowships in Arts Administration to administrators to improve their skills and ability to serve their organization and community. The grant is a one-time award to be used by September. Other categories of support include Artist Fellowship, Technical assistance, Arts in Education Residency and Folk Arts Apprenticeship.

According to Paul Looney, chairman of Shelton's theater department and executive producer of Theatre Tuscaloosa, this award is not one that just "comes along." "This is a very prestigious award," Looney says, "and is not given out every year. It is one of the arts council's most prized grants and represents the high esteem the

council places on Perry's work."

"Obviously, Shelton State and Theatre Tuscaloosa are very proud of Perry and this award. He can use the money to make contacts with other theatres and community groups across the United States. From others, he can gain information that can help us with our program," Looney said.

The focus of Perry's fellowship will be in two areas. Part of the fellowship will involve travel to New York City where Perry will establish new contacts and renew old acquaintances he had while he was with the Shakespeare Festival. An example, Perry explains, is a close working relationship he had with one group. That group later went on to produce *Rent* on Broadway.

Another area Perry plans to explore concerns other cooperative relationships between community theaters and two-year colleges. Over the next months, Perry hopes to visit some of these sites, such as one community college in California that operates under a similar relationship between a community college and a theater.

"The Omaha Playhouse in

Nebraska is heavily involved in theater training and education. I'd like to look at some of these areas," Perry said.

This grant, according to Perry, is important to Shelton State, Theatre Tuscaloosa and the community because it will enable Theatre Tuscaloosa to develop innovative programs that include the college and the community. "Last year, the 'Townsend Tech' project and the Alabama Stage and Screen Hall of Fame and Gala were extremely successful," Perry said. "We would like to initiate more projects like these."

"Large professional theaters sometimes ask community theaters to produce they help underwrite the costs. These can be done as workshops and if successful, go on to play at other theaters," Perry said. "I've scheduled several appointments while in New York. We'll just see what develops."

"We are very proud of Doug Perry and his accomplishments," said Shelton President Tom Umphrey. "He's an effective leader and very deserving of this recognition."

Shelton announces spring courses for business development institute

Shelton State Community College's Business Development Institute will begin its spring program this month. Divided into two five-week segments, the Institute is entitled "CEU 291-50 Be Successful in Business... & Fulfill Your Dreams, Phase I" and "CEU 391-50 Be Successful In Business and Fulfill Your Dreams, Phase II." Phase I began January 27 and continues weekly through February 24. Phase II starts April 6 and concludes May 4.

Topics included in the first segment include the development

of a business plan, marketing plan, location selection, financial planning, management development, legal issues, record keeping, pricing strategies, credit planning and risk taking. The second segment of the program offers a continuation of the previous course.

Larry Mund is the instructor for the program. Both classes are offered in room 2834 on the Martin Campus and last from 6 - 8 p.m. The cost is \$99 for each course. For additional information, contact the Division of Continuing Education, (205) 391-2386.

"Thank you" from the mother of Tracy Parish

By Kim Eaton

With the help of Shelton State and a few others, Christmas for the children of Tracy Parish proved to be a joyous occasion.

Tracy Parish, a former Shelton student, was killed in April. She left behind four children who are now living with their grandmother, Irene Parish.

This past Christmas, Beth Hoven, a part-time instructor at Shelton State, asked everyone to help make the holidays a little easier for the children by donating toys, clothes, etc. They response was tremendous. Donations included toys, bicycles, clothes, a Wal-Mart gift certificate and cash. Donations came from many different people, some including faculty and staff at Shelton State, a few students and a local Boy Scout troop.

In closing is parts of a thank you letter written by the Irene Parish.

"We are writing to thank you for making Christmas one of the best times a person could ever have. We want to thank ... Shelton State Community College for the toys, bikes, gifts and money ... thank you for giving us a newspaper about Tracy and donating money and gifts. It really touched our hearts. Thank you for remembering Tracy and the children, because without ... the school and donations from others, Christmas without the children's mother wouldn't be as joyful as it was when Tracy was alive. So thank you a lot for what you have given us for Christmas. Have a Happy New Year! Love Irene Parish and children."

Both children and grandmother were greatly appreciative for everything everyone did. So, thank you Shelton for helping four children have a good Christmas despite the fact that their mother was not here to enjoy it with them. I'm sure it is one they will not forget anytime soon.

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Fine Arts Division holds *Damn Yankees* audition Feb. 7-8

The Fine Arts Division of Shelton will hold auditions for its spring musical *Damn Yankees* on Feb. 7 and 8 at 7 p.m. in the music department of the college, 9500 Old Greensboro Road.

Directed by Michael Carr, the show has roles for 14 men and 14 women, teen-age or older. Auditionees should bring a prepared song with sheet music in the proper key and will be asked to participate in a group dance audition.

Damn Yankees is scheduled for production April 12-16 in the Bean-Brown Theatre on campus.

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Sports

—The Buccaneers are Here to Play—

Buccaneers up and down, but ready for stretch run

Both the men's and women's teams continue to impress and entertain the fans who make it to their games. A loss here and there does not seem to have diminished their readiness to make a run in the upcoming state playoffs.

For instance, the surging Buccaneers—both men and women—went to Bishop State on Jan. 14 and came away with victories against a school with great basketball traditions and state championships to its credit.

The women won 70-62, with Gennifer Meeks pouring in 28 points. They followed that up with wins against Calhoun, 66-54, with Meeks scoring 25. They then defeated Alabama Southern 78-73, then Wallace of Dothan, 70-61.

The women's streak came to an end at home when they fell 72-69. Coach Madonna Thompson,

afterwards put her finger on two problems that recur when the Lady Buccaneers don't prevail. "We don't always do well against another team's star player. It's almost like we take too long to figure out how to stop. By the time we do, it's often too late. The other thing is that we have a few go-to girls and when they aren't in the lineup we can't figure out how to score. All of the players need to be ready to step up when needed."

The men's team seems to be a squad which can't stand prosperity. Several times this season they have faltered after playing their best games. "We have got to learn to keep the momentum," said Coach Barry Mohun. "When we get the big win, we seemed to have a close game or even a loss the next time out. It's a psychological development that I just hate to see!"

As a case in point, Shelton followed up a big win against Bishop State with a loss to Calhoun in Decatur, 83-86. They then rebounded with a 79-76 win at home over Enterprise; then they handily beat Beville-Sumiton in Jasper, 91-74.

A cancelled game—due to the weather—against Faulkner might have taken some of the wind out of their sails, for the next game was a 70-84 loss to Lawson.

The last chance to pull the Buccaneers through are coming up in February, with home games on the 12th, 14th, and 17th.

The final home game will be a must for all Sheltonians: a rematch against Lawson State on Feb. 21.

"I guarantee you will be entertained when you come to a game," said Susan Mohun, who keeps the book at home contests.



The Dunk of the Year was made by Richard Smith against Beville-Fayette on Jan. 29. Picking up a loose ball, he jammed it through past futilely waving opponents' hands. "Oh he does that all the time in practice," said teammate Brandon Vaughn

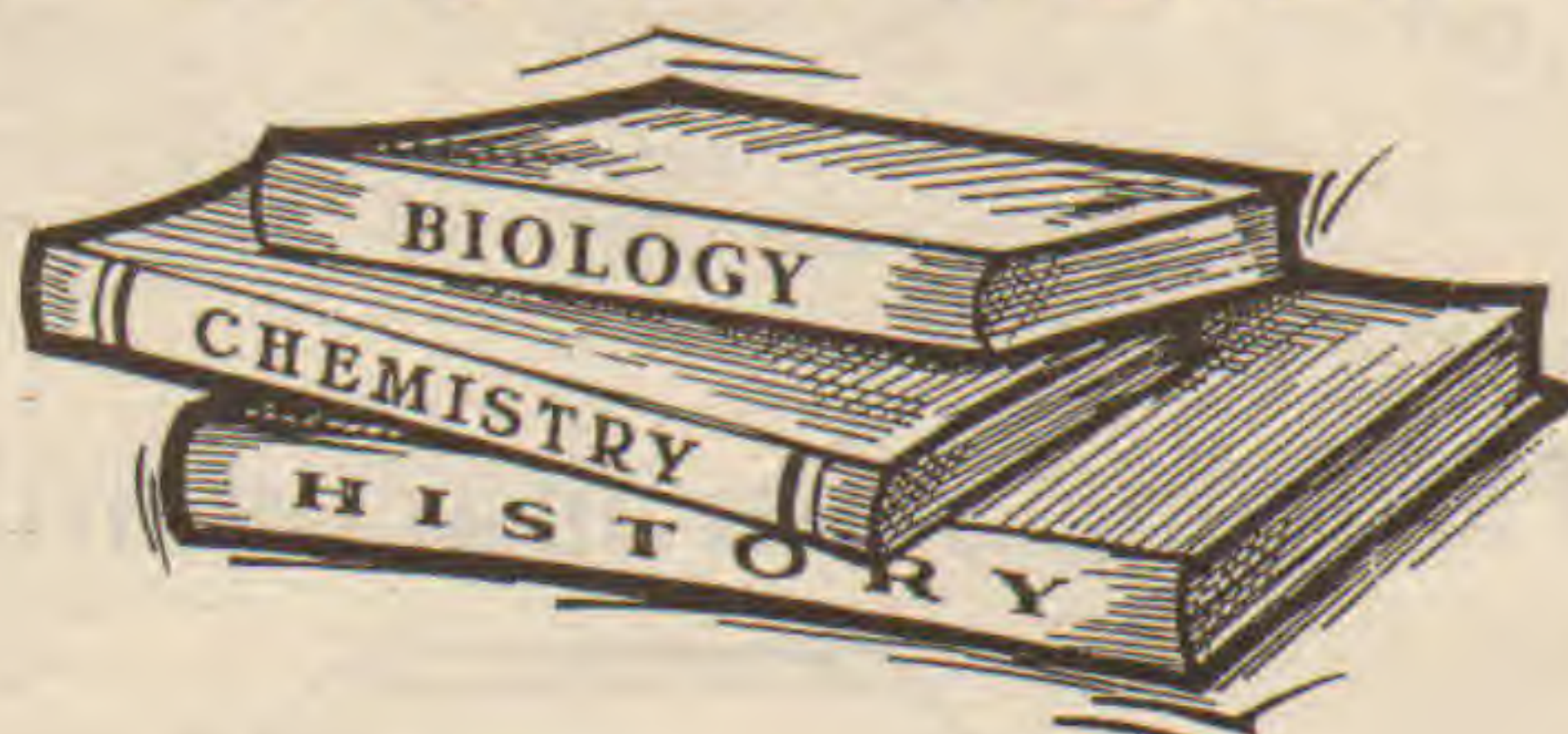
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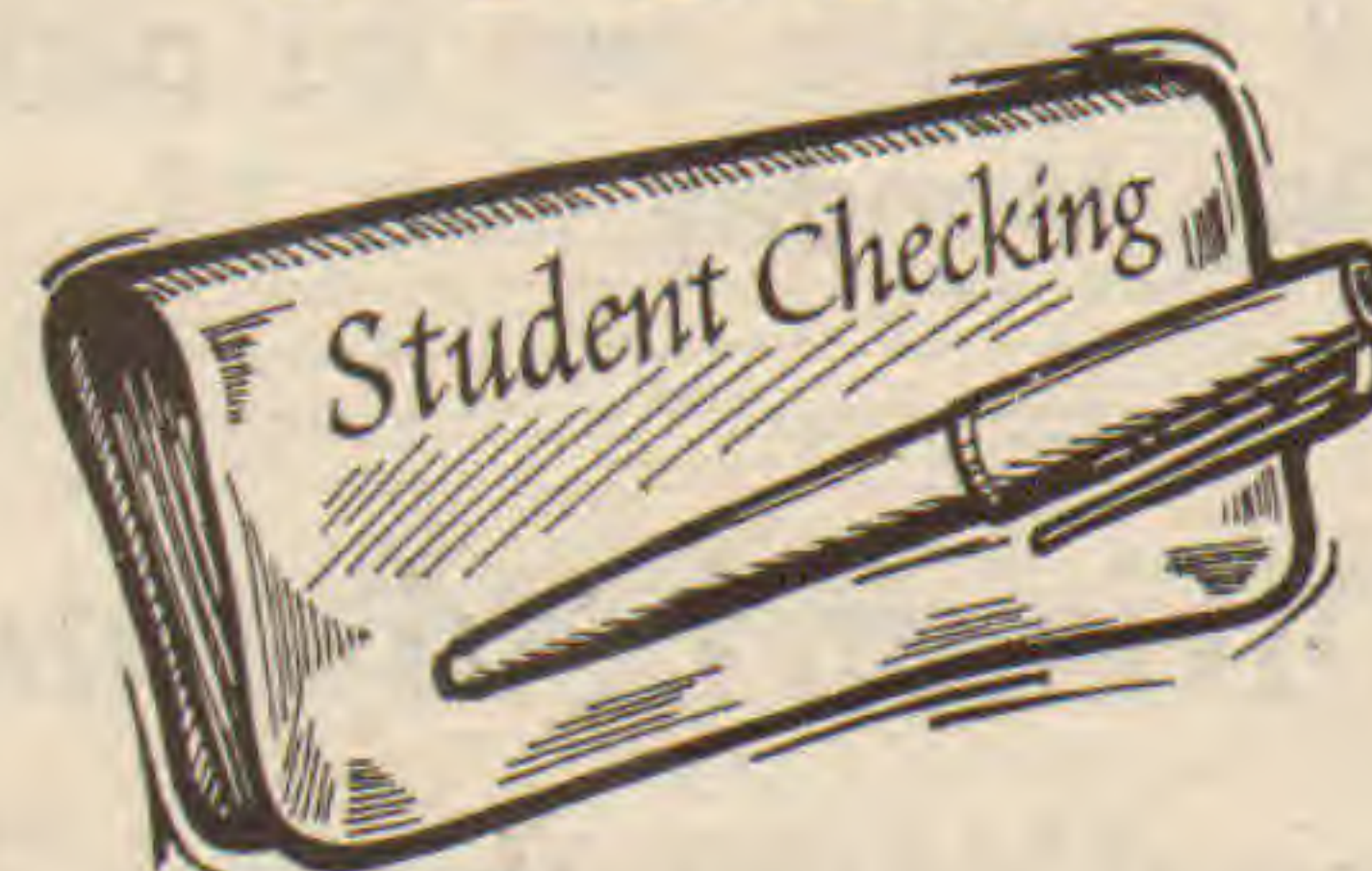
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Feb. 10	Wallace-Hanceville	Hanceville
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Feb. 12	Snead State	HOME
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Feb. 14	Calhoun	HOME
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Feb. 17	Beville-Sumiton	HOME
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Shelton Baseball Booster Club sponsors Diamond Dinner as fund raising project

Through support from the West Alabama area, Shelton State Community College's new baseball park will be a reality this spring, according to head coach Bobby Sprowl. A goal of \$750,000 was established earlier, and to date, \$300,000 has been raised through private contributions.

On Feb. 4, the college will host a Diamond Dinner at Shelton's new Martin Campus to raise money for equipment for the new complex. The dinner will begin at 7 p.m., according to Sprowl, and tickets are \$50 per

person. The Shelton State Baseball Booster Club is sponsoring the event.

The speaker for the dinner is Bobby Skelton, Commissioner of the Alabama Community College Conference and an official with the National Football League. Skelton played football at the University of Alabama and currently lives in Montgomery. Preliminary work has already begun on the field and college officials expect construction to be completed this spring. The new baseball complex will include the field, dugouts, parking areas,

bleachers and concession stands.

"Since Shelton's baseball program began in 1985, the team has played all home games at the Veterans Administration Hospital field through a cooperative arrangement," Sprowl said. "However, with the college's recent move to the new campus, there has been an effort to bring the baseball program to the new facility."

For additional information on Shelton's baseball program or to purchase a ticket to the Diamond Dinner, call Sprowl, 391-2206 or the Booster Club director, Mike Fields, 759-3283.

ADECA to make announcement at Shelton State

Former state senator Dewayne Freeman, director of Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, will hold a press conference at the C.A. Fredd Campus of Shelton State Community College Feb. 4 at 10:30 a.m.

Freeman will announce during the press conference that Shelton State Community College has received over \$1.3 million in heavy equipment through a new grant from ADECA. The equipment will be used to train students in the college's

heavy equipment operator program. The heavy equipment in the grant consists of bull dozers, front end loaders, back hoes, two motor graders and a crane. During the press conference Freeman will also announce another ADECA grant for the college.

"We appreciate the help ADECA has given us," said Shelton President Tom Umphrey. "Last year representatives from the construction industry in the state approached the college about the growing need for trained heavy equipment operators.

This is currently a shortage of skilled heavy equipment operators in our state. ADECA supported our efforts in getting this heavy equipment operator program started. When the program became viable, the college became eligible to apply for the next step, the heavy equipment needed for the program. None of this would have been possible without the assistance of ADECA."

The C.A. Fredd Campus is located at 3401 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. For additional information on the press conference, call 391-2221.

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What's happenin' with clubs at Shelton State this year?

A2CA -- African American Cultural Association

President -- Tony Humphries, Vice President -- Natasha Williams, Recording Secretary -- Corrie Clark, Sergeant-at-Arms -- Terrell

Adamson, Business Manager -- Tennyson Smith, Advisor -- Ronald Range.

The African American Cultural Association is a fairly new

organization at Shelton. The meeting times are Thursdays at noon in Room 1412. All students are welcome to join in and participate. Hope to see you there.

Student Government Association



SGA has a variety of activities planned for this semester, one of which include a Club Organizational Fair, where all of the clubs at Shelton will have tables set up in the atrium.

Another exciting event is the Spring Fling, happening in April. Part of the festivities include the 2000 Mr. Debonaire Walk.

Baptist Campus Ministries

Bible

If you are interested in Bible studies and a chance to fellowship with students who share your same interests, Baptist Campus Ministries is the place for you.

Meetings are scheduled to be held on Wednesdays at noon in the food court area. If anyone has any interest in BCM, contact Jennifer Young, the student minister.

Any other clubs wishing their news in the paper should contact the Courier at 391-2406.



Circle K has a number of fun and interesting things planned for this semester. All semester Circle K members can read to children in the Child Development Center from 9 - 10 a.m. and from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

March 18 is the Pancake Day sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. It will be held at Central East from 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. If anyone is interested see a Circle K member for a ticket. They are \$3.

The fourth Wednesday of every month, members will be at the Salvation Army's Fun Night, playing games with children age 6-15 years.

If anyone is interested, meetings are Wednesdays at 12:15 in room 1413. Please come ... we would love to have you.



Phi Theta Kappa is an honorary society for two-year colleges. The qualifications needed include a GPA of 3.5 or better in a total of at least 12 semester hours.

Phi Theta Kappa recently had an orientation and initiation. Also planned for this semester is the Young Author's Conference on Feb. 26. Phi Theta Kappa's Regional Convention will be March 3 - 5 in Opelika.

Other activities Shelton has participated in include Salvation Army's Angel Tree and Stocking Stuffers and High School Leadership Day.

If anyone is interested in becoming a part of Phi Theta Kappa, please see either Brenda Ryan, Linda Grote or Tracy Branch.

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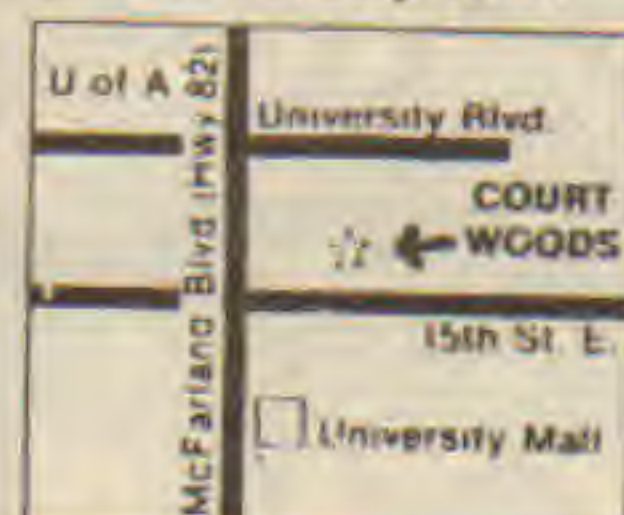


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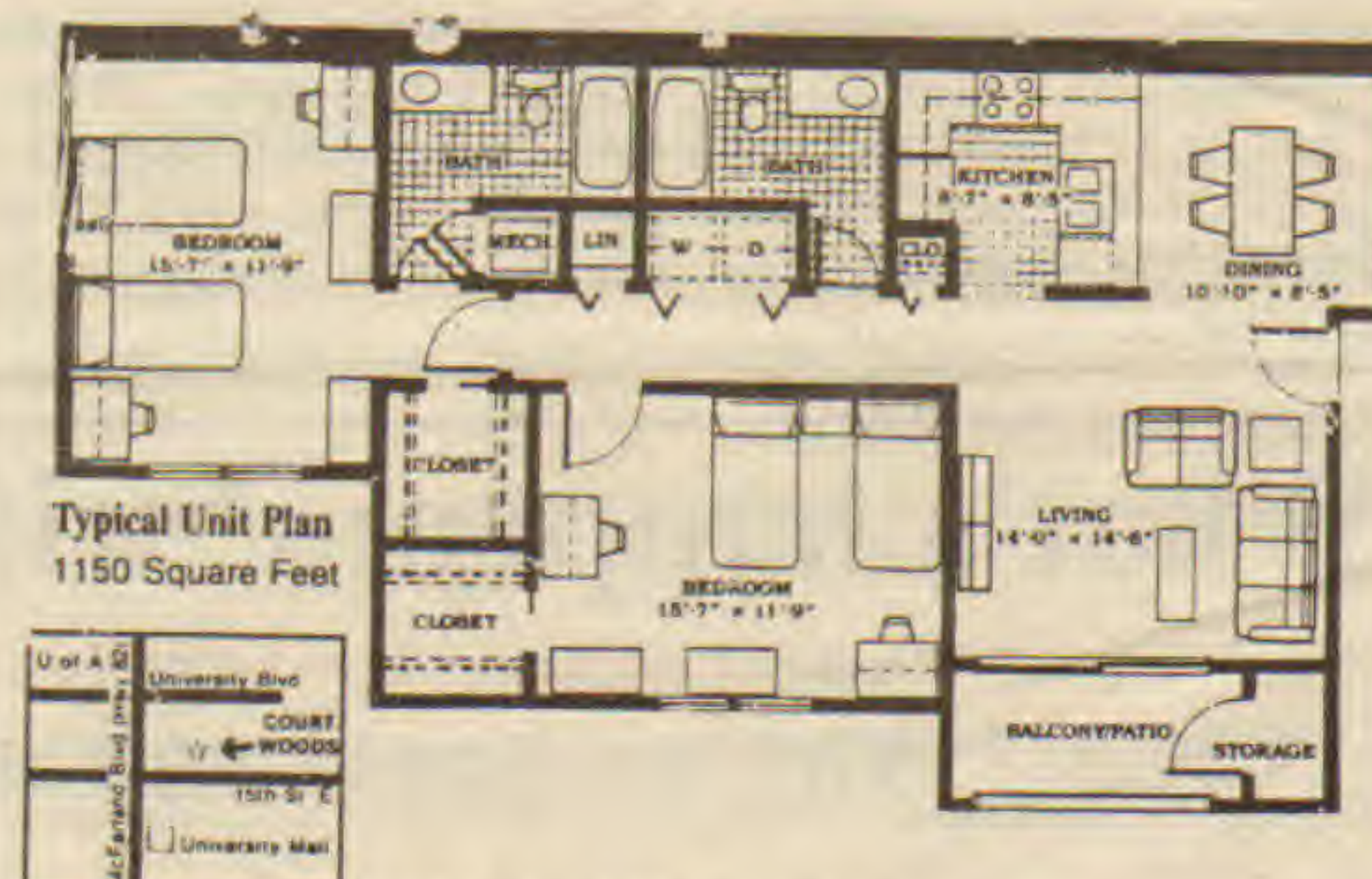
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National Champions

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Golf

“Let’s do it again!”

Coach Terry's task is simple: follow up on a national championship!

It's a grand thing to win a national championship, as Shelton State did last year, for the first time in any sport. But then the question becomes: What do you do for an *encore*?

Jim Collins, coach of the national champions and national coach of the year in '99, has some suggestions to make to his successor and his charges, but he knows the championship will be a difficult act to follow. "All the kids have to understand that a championship is built day by day on the driving range and the practice greens. All I can tell them is what I used to tell my team members every year: 'Just get a little better each day.'"

Fortunately for Shelton, one of the stage managers for the colossal act of last year has been waiting in the wings to orchestrate the return engagement. Matt Terry, a former tournament professional helped Collins last year and is looking forward to the season's challenges. "I learned a lot from coach Collins. I will always be grateful for bringing me in here and giving me this opportunity. I just love working with the young men, trying to help them reach their potential, trying to help them win!"

On the surface, it would seem that this year's squad does not face as formidable of odds against them as last year's, except for the departure of the individual national champion, Jason Dillard. After all, all of last year's team was new to Shelton.

Remembering that Championship Season

The '98-99 fall season started off with a bang, as the Buccaneers won the Meridian C.C. Eagle Invitational with a team score of 598. The rest of the fall results were 5th at the Gadsden State Invitational; 2nd at the Shelton shoot-Out; 3rd at the Alabama Intercollegiate.

As a squad of nine players playing at a new school, the

Buccaneers didn't figure to be in the national chase in the spring. But wily Coach Collins brought them along. They opened the spring campaign—the part of the year that leads to the regional and national championships—with a trip to Tyler, Texas and a set-to with the five-time defending national champions from those parts. They came in second to Tyler, but before it was over, the Buccaneers would topple the king from the hill.

Shelton took first place at the Beville Invitational, the Shelton State Spring Invitational, at the regionals and, of course, at the nationals in Raleigh, N.C.

The team finished second at the Marion Invitational and at the Wallace-State-Hanceville Invitational. Other finishes were fourth at the Southern Invitational and an uncharacteristically low ninth at the Alabama Central Invitational.

Individual highlights from the championship season include

Jason Dillard—member of the all-tournament team in all nine spring tournaments, with wins at Beville State, Regionals and Nationals. He finished as the top

All-America, as well. Shelton's only sophomore finished with an eye-popping 71.9 stroke average.

Drew Jones—all-tournament member in five matches last spring. Named to the All-Regional and All-America teams, placing fifth in the national tournament. Finished with a 73.56 stroke average.

Danny Germaine—All-Regional and All-America. Finished 10th in the national tournament. Had a 74.6 stroke average.

Nick Bamber—All-Tournament at MMI. Had a 74.7 stroke average.

Matt Malone—All-Tournament at MMI. Had a 76.0 stroke average.

Jeff Yokel—had a 76.45 stroke average on the year.

Chris Jones—had a 76.6 stroke average.

Jumpei Okuda—had a 76.1 stroke average for the year.

This last fall, Shelton played in four tournaments to tune up for the spring sprint toward a possible defense of its championship. Coach Terry's debut proved successful in September when his team won the Shelton State Classic at the University of Alabama Golf Course.

Will they be able to defend?

A Team with Character and Characters

The Buccaneers of the new millennium are an interesting bunch, with members

from four states: Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and Florida, and at least two foreign countries, England and Sweden; make that four if you tab Jumpei Okuda to his Japanese roots rather than his prep school in Birmingham.

But Coach Collins and now Coach Terry after him have gotten them to buy into the team concept. And players like Nick Bamber, the Englishman, have learned to love Tuscaloosa, although it hasn't always been easy. "I still almost kill myself when I try to drive a car," says Bamber. "I drive on the left side of the road without thinking and have to swerve over all the time."

And Bamber's introduc-

tion to Southern culture was a terribly rude one for a Brit. His first culinary experience after hitting town with his dad, Neil, was to take in a burger with some tea at a local fast-food restaurant. "My God! They served it with ice and sugar. It was awful! I love barbecue, but I'll never get used to the rest of the food, especially the ice tea," says Bamber.

The career goals of the team members range widely, with many, like Bamber, wanting to enjoy the competitive experience of college golf and soak up as much other life and academic experience as they can.

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Shelton State Golf, Spring 2000

Date	Tournament	Host School	Location
Feb. 6-8	Titan Intercollegiate	Brevard Community College	Rockledge Country Club, Rockledge, Fla.
Feb. 27-29	Hubert Greene Invitational	Shelton State	Hombre Golf Club, Panama City, Fla.
Mar. 12-14	Beville State Collegiate	Beville State C.C.	Musgrove Country Club, Jasper, Ala.
Mar. 17-18	MMI College Tournament	Marion Military Institute	MMI Golf Club, Marion, Ala.
Mar. 30-Apr. 2	Southern Sr./Jr. Tournamnet	Central Alabama C.C.	Stillwaters Resort, Dadeville, Ala.
Apr. 9-11	Southern Invitational	Shelton State	River Birch Golf Club, Amory, Miss.
Apr. 16-18	Terri Pines Collegiate Invit.	Wallace State C.C.	Terri Pines Country Club, Cullman, Ala.
Apr. 30-May 2	Region XXII Championships	Ala. Jr. Colleges	Brewton Country Club, Brewton, Ala.
June 5-9	NJCAA Div. II National Championships		Texas A&M Golf Club, College Station, Texas

To the manner born? Matt Terry's life teed off in Augusta

Was it destiny?

The current Buccaneer golf coach was born in Augusta, Ga., home of the Masters, one of golf's premier events and one of the meccas of the sport.

Terry soon after moved to North Alabama where he competed in several sports as a youth. He played on the Lawrence County High School golf team as an eighth grader. He then transferred to Hartselle High where he played golf and football.

In 1990 he became a scholarship golfer at Northwest Community College in Phil Campbell, Ala,

and competed through the '92 season.

He won the Jim Bishop Invitational in '92, and then



he transferred to the University, where he earned a degree in marketing in 1996.

Terry entered many events during his amateur days in preparation for a pro career. He married in Janu-

ary, 1997 and moved to Merritt Island, Fla. Terry played in several mini-tours for two years before deciding to return to college golf. Shelton State Buccaneer head coach Jim Collins took him on as an assistant.

He returned to the collegiate level just in time to help coach Collins lead the Buccaneers to their first national championship.

Coach Terry is married to the former Dixie McCreless, who is the Buccaneers' fast-pitch softball coach.

Shelton State Basketball 1999-2000



Chris Jones, Amory, Miss. High
Major: Business Management
Favorite Golfer: Jeff Yonel
Favorite Food: Steak
Hobbies: Watch TV
Strong part of game: Easy going attitude on course
Weak part of game: Chipping& pitching
Lowest round& where: 68, Natchez Trace Golf Course
Favorite Golf Course: Pinkerton's Putt-Putt of Tusc.



Thad Halcombe, Oak Hill Academy, West Point, Miss.
Major: Business
Favorite Golfer: Fred Couples
Favorite Food: Mexican
Hobbies: Water skiing, hunting
Strong part of game: Chipping& putting
Weak part of game: Driving
Lowest round& where: 70, MSU
Favorite Golf Course: La Cantera, San Antonio, Texas



Johan Rolf, Malmoe High, Sweden
Major: Pre-law
Favorite Golfer: Nick Bamber
Favorite Food: Mom's steak
Hobbies: Sleep& read
Strong part of game: Putting
Weak part of game: "There is no such thing"
Lowest round& where: 67, U-21 Tour, Sweden
Favorite Golf Course: Valderama, Spain



Nicholas Bamber
Hometown: Lancashire, England
Major: Business Management
Favorite Golfer: Paul Eales
Favorite Food: Italian
Hobbies: Health& fitness
Strong part of game: "Keeping it in the short grass"
Weak part of game: Weakness is a figure of the imagination
Lowest round& where: 69, Wicpshire Trophy, MMI Invational
Favorite Golf Course: Royal Lytham& St. Annes, UK



Drew Jones, Science Hill High, Johnson City, Tenn.
Major: Sports Marketing
Favorite Golfer: David Dural
Favorite Food: Oysters
Hobbies: Skiing, shooting pool
Strong part of game: "Very long"
Weak part of game: "None"
Lowest round& where: 64, Johnson City Country Club
Favorite Golf Course: Pinehurst # 2



Adam Harris, Bay High, Panama City, Fla.
Major: Business
Favorite Golfer: Davis Love III
Favorite Food: Seafood
Hobbies: Fishing, chilling at the beach
Strong part of game: "Short game"
Weak part of game: "Attitude"
Lowest round& where: 70, Hombre
Favorite Golf Course: TPC Sawgrass



Danny Germaine
Hometown: West Palm Beach, FL
High School: Suncoast High
Major: Business
Favorite Golfer: Fred Couples
Favorite Food: Steak
Hobbies: Fishing
Strong part of game: Putting
Weak part of game: Driving
Lowest round& where: 68
Favorite Golf Course: Seminole Country Club



Bryant West, Red Bay High, Ala.
Major: Business Administration
Favorite Golfer: Tom Lehman
Favorite Food: Chicken
Hobbies: Watch and play all sports
Strong part of game: "Everything's fairly equal"
Weak part of game: "Mental game"
Lowest round& where: 66, Florence Country Club
Favorite Golf Course: Turtle Point Yacht and Country Club



Steven Haayen, Greenville, Texas High
Major: Business/Public Relations
Favorite Golfer: Ernie Els
Favorite Food: Tacos
Hobbies: Basketball, eating, listening to music
Strong part of game: Putting
Weak part of game: Chipping&pitching
Lowest round& where: 67, Lancaster
Favorite Golf Course: Old course at St. Andrews

Shelton State Golf 2000

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But at least one member admits he's thinking about a professional playing career.

Drew Jones has reason to be encouraged. He has already been recruited by the University of Tennessee to play his junior and senior years. An All-America performer, he has known success and hard work. "I try to practice about eight extra hours per week beyond what we do as a team. You have to be disciplined and be willing to sacrifice."

The son of Steve Jones, a stockbroker who once played professional tournament golf, Jones may also have the genetic heritage to make it down that rugged road.

But Jones and his teammates "aren't studying" (as we say in the South) the far future. They have their sights set on a closer bull's-eye: a repeat of their national championship of last year.

And they know the bull's-eye will also be on their back.

Adam Dees, Leroy High, Wagerville, Ala.

Major: Landscape Management
Favorite Golfer: Justin Leonard
Favorite Food: Fried shrimp
Strong part of game: Length
Weak part of game: "60 and in"
Lowest round & where: 68, Deerfield Golf Course
Favorite Golf Course: Augusta National



Junpei Okuda, Briarwood Christian, Birmingham, Ala.

Major: Business
Favorite Golfer: Davis Love III
Favorite Food: Sushi
Hobbies: Shooting pool, singing
Strong part of game: long game
Weak part of game: short game
Lowest round & where: 69, Bentbrook
Favorite Golf Course: Birmingham Country Club



Tournament Records by Year

Year	Won	Lost	Tied	Coach
1989-90	23	56	1	Gene Williams
1990-91	43	49	0	Gene Williams
1991-92	56	41	0	Jim Collins
1992-93	98	31	3	Jim Collins
1993-94	116	23	2	Jim Collins
1994-95	98	33	1	Jim Collins
1995-96	88	40	1	Jim Collins
1996-97	127	21	0	Jim Collins
(Regional Champions—2nd Place, Nationals)				
1997-98	112	32	0	Jim Collins
(Regional Champions—4th Place, Nationals)				
1998-99	143	57	3	Jim Collins
1999 (fall)	97	23	3	Matt Terry
(Regional Champions—National Champions)				

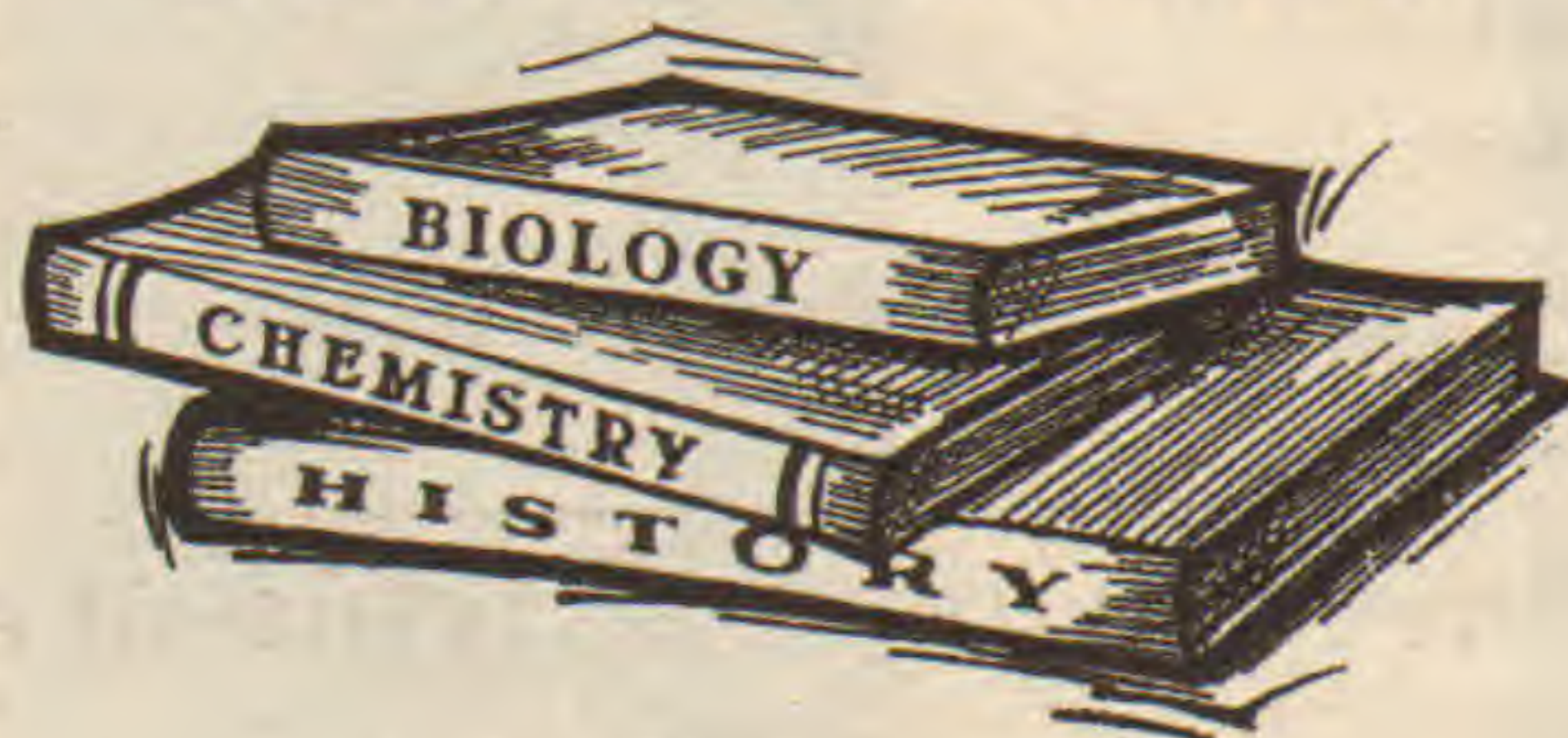
Note: Golf records are compiled by adding up the total number of teams beaten and lost to in each tournament. Tournament fields are comprised of two to ten teams, or more.

Coach Jim Collins's Top 10 Players

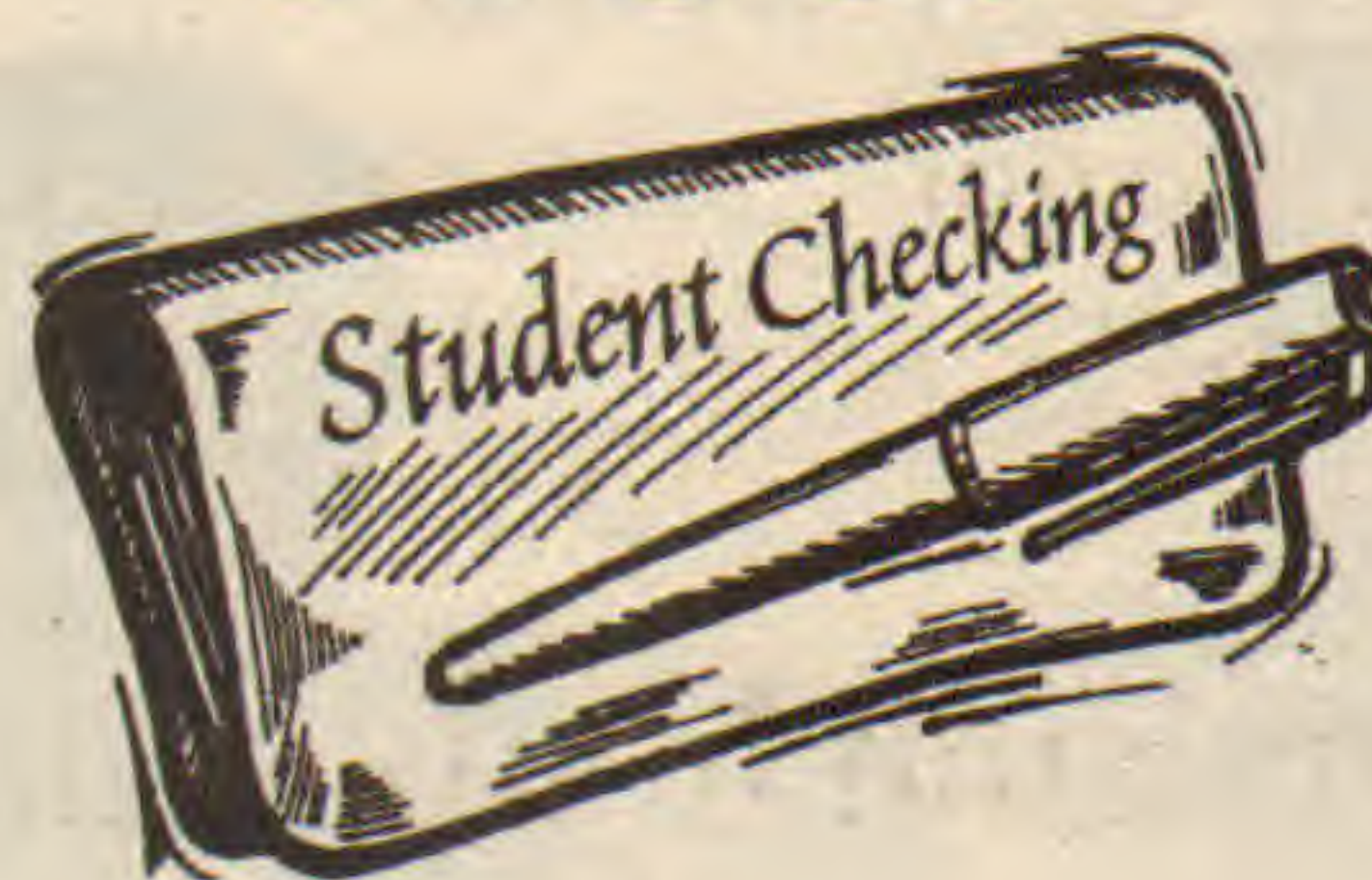
Stroke Avg.

#1 Jason Dillard, All-America, National Champion, Bessemer, 1999.....	71.9
#2 Alfredo Cortina, Two-Time All-America, Valencia, Spain, 1996-97.....	72.3
#3 Brian Hinnant, Two-time All-America, West Point, Miss., 1997-98.....	73.5
#4 Stuart Andrew, Manchester, England, 1993.....	73.0
#5 Scott Astin, St. Ann, England, 1993.....	74.0
#6 Drew Jones, All-America, Johnson City, Tenn., 1999.....	74.5
#7 Danny Germaine, All-America, North Palm Beach, Fla. 1999.....	74.6
#8 Mike Allen, Dallas, 1990.....	74.0
#9 Nathan McAteer, All-America, Jacksonville, Fla., 1997.....	74.5
#10 Steve Wilson, Tuscaloosa, 1994.....	75.5

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